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JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

Employment Development Department

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS
JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: WPRS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

As announced in Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Information Bulletin B96-23, California received a Title III Financial Assistance grant for \$813,340 to improve the long-term quality and productivity of the Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS) system. The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment for Service Delivery Area (SDA) and Employment Development Department (EDD) profiling staff to access the Internet based electronic communications system.

Electronic Communications Project questionnaires, transmitted with JTPA Information Bulletin B97-8, have been received from all SDAs and surveys have been completed of EDD Job Service (JS) and Unemployment Insurance (UI) offices. The data were used to determine the local need for equipment and allocation of resources. The SDAs will be receiving individual letters during January 1998, providing instructions for purchasing equipment, equipment specifications and the reimbursement process. Equipment for EDD JS and UI offices will be purchased and distributed by EDD Central Operations.

It is critical that all of the equipment purchases are made prior to June 1998, since that is the end of the life of these Title III funds.

The use of this equipment is specifically for SDA and EDD WPRS staff for the purpose of sharing profiling client information, communicating client status and accessing information from the Internet based system. Transfer of this equipment to non-WPRS staff would violate the terms of the Title III WPRS grant with the Department of Labor.

The SDAs and JS and UI offices will be notified at a later date of EDD's specifications for encryption/decryption software to protect confidential information sent over the Internet. Until that software is installed, we request that no confidential information be transmitted over the Internet.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynora Sisk at (916) 654-7854 or e-mail Lynora at lsisk@edd.ca.gov.

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